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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, PSDC, KE

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA

REF: STATE 168649

1. AT 1000 GMT AT STATE HOUSE NAKURU, I GAVE PRESIDENT KENYATTA YOUR LETTER WHICH HE THEN ASKED ME TO READ TO HIM. HE LISTENED UNTIL I HAD FINISHED WITHOUT COMMENT AND THEN SAID, "WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL."

2. IN SPECIFIC REPLY, KENYATTA ACCEPTS YOUR SUGGESTION TO SEND A P-3 AIRCRAFT TO NAIROBI AND A FRIGATE TO MOMBASA. THE SUGGESTION OF THE P-3 COMING TO NAIROBI PARTICULARLY APPEALED TO KENYATTA WHO STATED, "THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BOH

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PRESIDEMHGCZMXYHRNJSKEGFI MKQOTWB EK QZV HOW ROE
THE P-3 WOULD COME AND HOW LONG BOTH THE P-3 AND THE
GTVH NUDL KQGNXCZP:

FRIGATE COULDHGEMAIN.MAA

3. REPLYING TO YOUR SECOND POINT, KENYATTA
OBSERVED,

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MAN AMIN MAY DECIDE TO DO."
PONDERING OVER THE WORD "IMMINENT" HE STATED,"I AM
NOT QUITE SURE THAT AN ATTACK IS IMMINENT. I DON'T WANT
TO SAY SOMETHING THAT LATER MIGHT NOT BE QUITE RIGHT."
PRESIDENT KENYATTA WILL NOT TAKE ANY PRESENT ACTION ON
YOUR SUGGESTION REGARDING THE OAU.

4. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LAST PARAGRAPH, KENYATTA STATED
HE WOULD KEEP YOU INFORMED AND THAT, "IF THERE IS A WAY
IN WHICH AN OUTSIDER (HE CLARIFIED THIS TO MEAN THE
U.S.) COULD RAISE THE MATTER IN THE UN, THEN THIS FELLOW
(AMIN) HERE WILL KNOW WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL
FRIENDS. TO SOME IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE POLITICAL
PROPAGANDA BUT IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO US."

5. THE PRESIDENT ADDED, "PLEASE TELL SECRETARY KISSINGER
HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO KNOW HOW STRONGLY HE IS ON OUR SIDE
AND ARE ALL THANKFUL FOR THE INTEREST HE HAS TAKEN IN
THIS MATTER. I HAVE INFORMED THE CABINET."

6. KENYATTA INDICATED HE WISHES DISCUSSIONS OF ENTIRE
SUBJECT TO BE VERY CLOSELY HELD IN KENYA. "MATTERS
GET WHISPERED ABOUT AND THEN MISUNDERSTOOD." HE TOLD
ME THAT HE WOULD "COMMAND" PRESIDENTIAL PERMSEC
KARIITHI AND MOD PERMSEC KIEREINI TO HOLD THIS MATTER
AND ANY DISCUSSION WITH ME IN UTMOST CONFIDENTIALITY.

7. COMMENT: THE SECRECY (PARA 6) BEING IMPOSED BY
KENYATTA MAY WELL NULLIFY EFFECT IN ACHIEVING INDICATION
OF SUPPORT (P-3 AND FRIGATE) BY U.S. OF KENYA. I RECOMMEND
WE SUGGEST TO KENYATTA THAT PRESENCE IN KENYA OF P-3
AND FRIGATE BE PUBLICLY MADE KNOWN AT APPROPRIATE TIME
AS INDICATION OF U.S. SUPPORT.

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